of power, raw materials etc., and the demands of the products of each unit.

The reported production of mild steel, high carbon steel, and alloy steel by the Mini Steel plants during 1984-85 and1985-86 was as follows:—

(in tonnes)

	1984-85	1985-86
Mild steel .	13,06,804	19,28,683
High Carbon .	2,05,962	2,62,357
Alloy Steel .	2,42,237	3,73,799
TOTAL . .	17,55,003	25,64,839

Distribution of Land to Landless in Orissa

1469. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether guidelines have been issued by Government to different States for the distribution of land among the landless persons ;

(b) if so, the number of landless persons who have been given land in Orissa during the Sixth Five Year Plan;and

(c) what is the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) National Guidelines drawn up on the basis of the conclusions of the Chief Ministers' Conference on ceilings on agricultural holdings held in July, 1972 provide that while distributing surplus land, the States should give priority to the landless agricultural workers particularly those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Conference of Revenue Ministers of States/ Union Territories held in May, 1985 also recommended that the States should take measures for vigorous implementation of land ceiling laws and to ensure that the lands declared surplus are promptly distributed to eligible persons.

So far as allotment of Government waste-lands is concerned the State Governments have their own rules in this regard.

(b) and (c) In Orissa during the *Sixth Five Year plan Period* surplus lands were allotted to 32,623 landless families of which 12,277 families belong to Scheduled Castes and 10,652 belong to Scheduled Tribes families. Apart from ceiling surplus land 63,966 landless families have been provided with Government wasteland for agricultural prurpose including 16,669 Scheduled Castes families and 19,322 Scheduled Tribes families.

Delay in the execution of the Indravati Irrigation Project

1470. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the entire work of the upper Indravati multipurpose project is expected to be completed by the end of the Seventh Five Year plan period;

(b) whether the execution of the above project has already been delayed ;

(c) if so, what are the main factors responsible for delay ; and

(d) what are the steps taken by Government to expedite the execution of the above project ?